



Blessing of Candles and Solemn High Mass

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple:
Candlemas, or The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4 February 2025, 5:30 p.m.

C h r i s t C h u r c h , N e w H a v e n

This Mass is sung by Yale Consort.

Yale Consort is a professional vocal ensemble sponsored by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. It is conducted by Professor James O'Donnell and provides high-quality choral music in partnership with Yale School of Music and Yale Divinity students through weekly term-time evening services in local parishes and chapels.

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Welcome to Christ Church!

Christ Church is heir to a rich tradition of spirituality that makes use of all the senses and draws our bodies as well as our minds into worship. In particular, incense is used as a sign of prayer ascending, as a sign that persons or objects are to be used for God's purposes. The essential thing is to hear God's word, to pray for ourselves and for others, and to fulfill Jesus' command, "do this in remembrance. . ." You are welcome to participate as fully as seems right to you and we welcome questions and conversation.

This leaflet carries most of the text of the liturgy and some explanations of the rites. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal at your seats. The Book of Common Prayer is the red book at your seat.

The booklet indicates where it is the custom of this congregation to make gestures:

- ✠ Indicates where the sign of the cross is customarily made.
- Bow Indicates where this gesture of reverence is customarily made.
- Kneel Indicates where this gesture of reverence is customarily made.

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Please turn OFF all electronic devices.

*Christ Church New Haven is a parish of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut,
part of The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion.
All are welcome here.*

BLESSING OF CANDLES AND SOLEMN HIGH MASS
Ordinary of the Mass: William Byrd, Mass for Five Voices (1540-1623)

The Organ Prelude

Sicilienne, from *Suite*, Op. 5

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

All stand as the Ministers enter.

Procession & Blessing of Candles

*The Ministers move in procession to the West End of the church, where an Altar has been erected.
The church bells are rung.*

In procession to the West End,
Nunc dimittis *Sung by the Choir.*

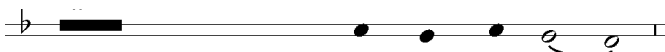
Tone VIII

Antiphon A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

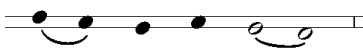
Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.



At the West End of the church, the Celebrant begins the rite, blessing the candles to be used in this procession and in the parish for the coming year.



Celebrant Light and peace in Je -sus Christ our Lord.



People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the true light that enlightens everyone who cometh into the world: we beseech thee to pour out thy blessing upon these candles and sanctify them with the light of thy grace; and mercifully grant, that even as they with their outward flame do scatter the darkens of night; so our heart being enlightened by the inwards brightness of thy Holy Spirit may be delivered from all blindness of iniquity: that in thy light, we may discern those things that are pleasing unto thee and which lead us to thy salvation; that finally after the darkness and dangers of this world, we may attain in the end to light everlasting, through thy everlasting mercies. **Amen.**

O God our Father, the source and creator of light, who didst on this day reveal to the aged Simeon thy light which enlighteneth the Gentiles, dispel all darkness of our souls, and brighten the path that lies before us; and pour out thy blessing on these candles with which this earthly temple will be illumined, that we who kindle them and bear them to thy glory may come at the last to stand in thy eternal light, through him who is the light of the world and the glory of the people Israel, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the temple of the Heavenly Jerusalem, and its light and surpassing splendor, grant that we, who in this place offer thee our worship, may walk in the light of thy presence through all our mortal pilgrimage, for with the Father and the Holy Ghost, thou dost live and reign in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People light their candles from the torches as they pass along the aisle to the High Altar.

During the procession, the Choir sings

The Introit

Byrd (*Gradualia: ac cantiones sacræ, liber primus - 1605*)

Suscepimus Deus, misericordiam
tuam in medio templi tui. Secundum
nomen tuum, Deus, ita et laus tua in
fines terræ.

*We have received thy mercy, O God, in
the midst of thy temple. According to thy
name, O God, so also is thy praise unto
the ends of the earth.*

text: Psalm 47:10-11

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonæ
voluntatis.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

BOW Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, **BOW** suscipe
deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere
nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus
Dominus.

Tu solus Altissimus, **BOW** Iesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu, ✠ in gloria Dei
Patris.

Amen.

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee. We bless thee.

BOW *We worship thee. We glorify thee.*

We give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father
Almighty.*

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
BOW receive our prayer.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.*

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

*thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the ✠ glory of God the*

Father.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-7 (Coverdale) *Sung by the Choir.*

Tone VIII

- 1 O how amiable are thy dwellings:
 thou Lord of hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where
 she may lay her young:
 even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
 they will be always praising thee.
- 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:
 in whose heart are thy ways.

- 6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:
 and the pools are filled with water.
- 7 They will go from strength to strength:
 and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn 258

Virgin-born, we bow before thee

Psalm 86

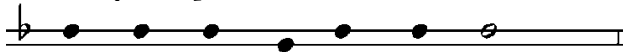
The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

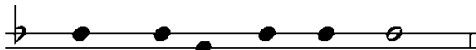
When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for

glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Rev'd Yejide Peters Pietersen
Associate Dean & Director, Formation
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A brief moment of silence follows the homily, and then all stand to sing the Nicene Creed.



The Nicene Creed

Mode IV



We be-lieve in one God,



the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,



of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je - sus Christ,



the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther,



God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten,



not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther. Through him all things were



made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from heav - en:



by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit he be - came in - car - nate from the



Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied



un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bu - ried. On the

third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed
in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will
come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his
king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the
Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son. With the
bow
Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied. He has
spo ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - o - lic and
a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for -
give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the
life of the world to come. A - - - men

The Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy mercy ✠ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Notices

The Holy Communion

All stand as the ushers move down the center aisle with the People's gifts of bread and wine. During an organ improvisation, the People's candles are lit from torches brought by acolytes down the aisle. As a sign that along with the gifts we are all offered to God's work, the People and Celebrant are censed. The People and Thurifer acknowledge each other with a bow before and after the censing.

You may make your offering online at christchurchnh.org/giving or in the almsbasin at the back of the church following the service.



The Offertory

Byrd (*Gradualia: ac cantiones sacrae, liber primus - 1605*)

Diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis: propterea benedixit te Deus in aeternum.

Grace is poured abroad in thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever.

text: Psalm 45

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer p. 340

All standing, the Great Thanksgiving begins as the People respond to the Celebrant:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant chants a Proper Preface, concluding

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit *Sung by the Choir.*

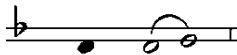
BOW Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus ✠ qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

BOW Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed ✠ is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel, stand, or sit. The Celebrant then continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on page 341 of the Book of Common Prayer. The Prayer concludes:

The Prayer concludes: By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All then respond:



A - men.



Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

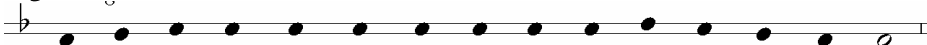
The Lord's Prayer *Sung by all*



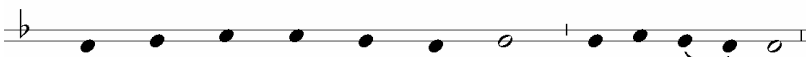
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant sings:

The Breaking of the Bread



Celebrant: Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



People: There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Agnus Dei *Sung by the Choir*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. ✠

At the Communions

All are welcome at the altar of Christ Church. Baptized Christians may receive the Sacrament in the palm or on the tongue; receive the chalice by helping guide it to your lips or by intinction (touching the host to the wine in the chalice). Cross your arms in front of you (hands touching your shoulders) to receive a blessing instead. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. If coming forward is difficult, please advise an usher, who will notify the clergy to bring communion to you at your seat.

The Communion

Byrd (*Gradualia: ac cantiones sacræ, liber primus - 1605*)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum,
Domine, secundum verbum tuum
in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei
salutare tuum Quod parasti ante
faciem omnium populorum: Lumen
ad revelationem gentium, et
gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace: according to thy
word. For mine eyes have seen: thy
salvation, which thou hast
prepared: before the face of all
people; to be a light to lighten the
Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy
people Israel.

text: Luke 2:29-31

The Communion Hymn 475

God himself is with us

Tysk

After the Communion, all kneel and say together

The Postcommunion Prayer

Gracious and ever-living Lord, who didst fulfill the hope of Simeon and Anna that they would greet the promised Redeemer: grant that we, who have received these thine inestimable gifts, may be ready to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ when he shall come to bring us to the eternal joy of thy everlasting kingdom where, with thee and the Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Then all stand for

The Dismissal

Deacon

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in F Major

Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the organ voluntary.

All are invited for burning of the greens and blessing of throats after the service in the Memorial Garden, directly behind the church.

PARISH NOTICES

Christ Church Service Schedule

Sundays

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)
8:45 a.m. Mass with hymns (in the choir)
11:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass (in the nave & livestreamed)
9:00 p.m. Compline

Monday-Friday (in the Lady Chapel)

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Mon - Fri (in person & livestream)
12:15 p.m. Mon, Wed, Fri Low Mass
5:30 p.m. Tuesday Evensong
5:15 p.m. Thursday Evening Prayer followed by Low Mass

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Feb 18 Evensong – Christ Church Music of Orlando Gibbons

Feb 25 Vespers – Saint Mary's Church Music of Palestrina

Mar 4 Evensong – Christ Church Music of Stanford and Panufnik

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